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1. SUMMARY: MRS. MANALO HAS CONVEYED GOP DESIRE, ARRIVED AT MINI-CABINET MEETING CHAIRED BY GENERAL ROMUO, THAT UNDERSECRETARY COOPER ARRIVE IN TIME TO OPEN THE MEETING ON CONFIDENTIAL

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SEPTEMBER 7 AT 1400 AND TO SAY FOR THE ENTIRE US/ASEAN MEETING. SHE ALSO GAVE US REVISED PROVISIONAL AGENDA (BEING REPEATED SEPTTEL) AND EXPLANATION OF MAJOR ITEMS.

2. MRS. MANALO ASKED ACTING E/C COUNSELOR TO CALL AUGUST 17 AND INFORMED THAT GENERAL ROMULO, AFTER CHAIRING A MEETING WITH THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS THAT MORNING ON THE INSTRUCTIONS

OF THE PRESIDENT, EXPRESSED STRONG GOP WELCOME AND APPRECIATION FOR COOPER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE US/ASEAN MEETING. GOP WAS ALSO APPRECIATIVE OF HOLBROOE'S PRESENCE AS WELL. MRS. MANALO CONVEYED REVISED PRVISIONAL AGENDA INCORPORATING U.S. SUGGESTIONS WHICH REPEATED VERBATIM SEPTTEL AND WHICH FORMS BASIS FOR FOLLOWING DISCUSSION.

2. GENERAL ROMULO REGRETTEED COOPER'S LATE ARRIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 7 EVENING AND INSTRUCTED MRS. MANALO TO ASK USG TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER UNDERSECRETARY COULD NOT ARRIVE EARLIER AND THUS ASSIST AT OPENING OF US/ASEAN MEETING WHICH NOW SCHEDULED TENTATIVELY FOR 1400 ON THE 7TH. GENERAL ROMULO ALSO WANTED TO INCLUDE COOPER IN HIS DINNER THAT EVENING.

3. IF COOPER COULD NOT ARRIVE EARLIER, GENERAL ROMULO SUGGESTED THAT ITEMS 3 AND 4 BE TAKEN UP ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 7TH, AND THEN COOPER AND HE LEAD OFF THE SEPTEMBER 8 MORNING SESSION WITH ITEMS 1 AND 2 (ASEAN AND USDEL LEADER'S STATEMENTS). IF COOPER IS AVAILABLE ON THE 7TH, THE FIRST SESSION WILL TAKE UP ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

4. ITEM 4 ON BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WOULD INVOLVE BRIEFING ON PROGRAM OF ACTIVITES AND DRAFTING COMMITTEE (I.E., MEMBERSHIP, WHEN TO MEET, ETC.). MRS. MANALO ASSURED US THAT ONLY ASEAN LEADERS ON COMMITTEE WILL SPEAK AND THERE WOULD BE NO BABEL OF VOICES. ASEAN DRAFTER WOULD BE EITHER CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDERSECRETARY INGLES OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMANDO MANALO. MRS. MANALO ASKED US TO INQUIRE HOW MANY MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND

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WHO WOULD BE U.S. SPOKESMAN.

5. ASEAN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARATION AND LEADING DISCUSSION ON SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS. E.G., ITEM 6(A) ON NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE TO INDONESIA BECAUSE OF ITS ROLE IN CIEC; ITEM 6(B) ON COMMODITIES TO MALAYSIA (THIS ITEM MAY BE SPLIT TO ACCOMMODATE SHORT STAY OF MALAYSIAN MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MUSAM HITAM); ITEM 7 ON INVESTMENT TO PATERNO; CONFIDENTIAL

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ITEM 7(A) ON U.S. TAX DEFERRAL TO SINGAPORE; ITEM 8 ON U.S. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION TO SICAT OF NEDA; TRADE TO SECRETARY OF TRADE QUIAZON; AND MFA TO THAILAND.

6. DATE AND VENUE OF MEETING. MRS. MANALO SAID THAT GOP HOPED USG WOULD INVITE ASEAN TO THE SECOND MEETING IN WASHINGTON, PRHAPS NEXT MARCH.

7. MRS. MANALO WAS INTERESTED IN COOPER'S SUBSEQUENT ITINERARY, AND WHEN INFORMED PRELIMINARY THINKING CALLED FOR VISITS TO OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES, SHE SAID "THE PEOPLE HE WOULD SEE WOULD LIKELY BE HERE," AND "WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF HE WOULD STAY HERE FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING."

8. GENERAL ROMULO, ON THE JOINT PRESS BRIEFING, SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY DECLINE THE HONOR AND ASK VIRATE TO CONDUCT IT (WHICH HE HAS NOT YET CONVEYED TO VIRATA).

9. BILATERAL TALKS. MRS. MANALO SAID THAT THE GOP WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME BILATERAL TALKS WITH USG OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC RELATIONS. SHE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOP WANTED THESE TALKS AFTER (RPT AFTER) THE ASEAN MEETING, TO AVOID OFFENDING SENSITIVITIES OF OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES, AND "WE HAVE EVEN TOLD VEGA THAT.Z

10. FINALLY, MRS. MANALO ASKED WHETHER USG COULD CONEY SUMMARIES OR OUTLINES OF FORMAL STATEMENTS IN ADVANCE SO THAT ASEAN COULD PREPARE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES. GOP WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OPENING US STATEMENT AND STATEMENT ON U.S. FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICIES. SHE ASKED WHETHER THESE WOULD BE READY BY AUGUST 23 (TO WHICH WE DEMURRED).

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11. COMMENT: AT AIRPORT WELCOMING CEREMONIES THIS AFTERNOON FOR FUKUDA BOTH SICAT AND VIRATA EXPRESSED TO CHARGE THEIR INTEREST IN COOPER'S PARTICIPATION IN FORTHCOMING US/ASEAN TALKS AND THEIR HOPE THAT COOPER MIGHT BE ABLE TO REMAIN LONGER IN MANILA THAN NOW PLANNED. VIRATA REITERATED THE POINT THAT, SHOULD COOPER GO FROM HERE TO JAKARTA, HE WOULD BE LEAVING BEHIND IN MANILA THOSE INDONESIAN OFFICIALS HE WOULD WANT TO SEE IN JAKARTA. INTERESTINGLY, DURING THIS CONVERSATION SICAT REFERRED TO VIRATA AS "OUR TEAM LEADER" FOR THE US/ASEAN MEETING.

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